

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C.

25 August 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Merritt B. Booth, State Representative
Col. Riley F. Ennis, Army Representative
Capt. F. S. Habecker, Navy Representative
Col. James F. Olive, Air Force Representative

SUBJECT: ORE 62-48

REFERENCE: DCI Directive 3/1 dated 8 July 1948

1. Problem.

To examine aspects of the Soviet petroleum position for the J.C.S., with special emphasis on Soviet non-military requirements.

2. Scope.

The Soviet petroleum position should be examined with particular reference to (a) the capacity of the USSR to produce light fractions; (b) the Soviet military requirements; (c) the Soviet non-military requirements; and (d) the resultant importance to the USSR of Middle East oil.

3. Deadlines.

Open.

4. Departmental Action Required.

a. The departmental intelligence organizations are requested to designate appropriate specialists for the purpose of meeting with ORE personnel to consider this project.

b. By copy of this memorandum the Armed Services Petroleum Board is requested to designate a representative to serve on the inter-agency working group.

c. It is further requested that the Department of the Army make available as consultant [REDACTED] Intelligence Division (Salt mine). 25X1A9a

d. Participants should furnish the names of their representatives to the Chairman, [REDACTED] (Code 143, Extension 2497). 25X1A9a

e. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, 7 September 1948.

FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, R & E

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